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TO: Wingshooting Clinic Registrants

SUBJECT: Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area Introductory Wingshooting Clinic

To register for the Wingshooting Clinic at the Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area on June 25 or 26, 2022, complete the attached Skill Level Assessment form and, if applicable, the attached permission form. The permission form must be signed by a parent or guardian for any participant under 18 years of age. There is a \$10 registration fee per student to help with the cost of the clinic. Checks should be made payable to: Illinois Conservation Foundation.

A fact sheet with information that you will need to review is also attached. Please send the completed Skill Level Assessment form, check and, if applicable, the signed permission form to the address provided at the bottom of this letter. A limited number of shooters are allowed per day; therefore, registrations should be submitted as early as possible and no later than Wednesday, June 22nd. An email will be sent to confirm your reservation and registration after we receive the forms.

Please be on time for the clinic. We will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. so you will need to be at the Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area between 9:30-10:00 a.m. to check-in. Participants in the clinic and hunt will be required to observe all guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health at the time of the event regarding face coverings and social distancing. If for any reason you are unable to attend, call us at least 72 hours in advance. We typically have a waiting list and can accommodate someone else if you let us know you will be unable toattend.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us at the following:

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Sincerely,

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IDNR Wingshooting Program

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Please Check One:	□Saturday, June 25, 2022	□Sunday, June 26, 2022
permission for my shooting space provided below on or daughter currently has	ng student to participate in this a this Parental Permission Form, p including behavioral disorders, a ir son or daughter has no chronic	ns at clay targets, and I hereby specifically give ctivity. Safety is very important to all of us. In the lease list (print) any chronic medical conditions your son attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, seizure disorder, medical conditions, please list N/A. This information
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Medical Conditions:		
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•	Natural Resources, the Safety Ed om the Wingshooting Clinic for d	ducation Instructor, or the Wingshooting Instructor will lisruptive or unsafe behavior.
Parent's Signature:		
Parent's Name (Please Pri	int):	
Date:		
Street Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Telephone Number(s) (Ind	clude Area Code):	
Residence:		
Cell:		

Wingshooting Clinic Skill Level Assessment Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area

-Sunday June 26 2022

Please Check One: Saturday June 25, 2022

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Twenty-eight gauge shotguns with shotshells will be provided. Students may bring their own shotgun. If the shotgun has interchangeable chokes, bring the most open choke(s) available (cylinder, skeet or improved cylinder). **Note:**Since shotshells will be provided, students bringing a shotgun must call 815/258-8474 by Monday, June 20th to apprise us of the gauge.

***The gauges listed above are the only gauges we can accommodate.

MIDDLE FORK STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA WINGSHOOTING CLINIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Participants must be at least 4 feet 6 inches tall and weigh 75 pounds or more to participate.
 Introductory Wingshooting Clinics are designed for beginning and novice shotgun shooting students.
 Participants must legitimately be in either the "Never" or "Rarely" skill level to enroll in these clinics.
 Potential registrants with shooting skills beyond the novice level should consider registering for a Hunter's Wingshooting Clinic.
- The Department of Natural Resources, the Safety Education Instructor, or the Wingshooting Instructor will remove any participant from the Wingshooting Clinic for disruptive or unsafe behavior.
- Wingshooting Clinics do not satisfy the Illinois Hunter Education Requirement.

DATES AND TIMES: Saturday, June 25 & Sunday, June 26, 2022, 10a - 4p ** Students may sign up for EITHER day

LOCATION: Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area, near Collison, IL

DIRECTIONS: From *I-74*, take Exit 206. Travel 6 miles north to County Road 2400 N, turn right at the Middle Fork Wildlife Area sign. Proceed ¼ mile - the site headquarters is on the left. From the north and west, from Collison, go approximately 2 miles east to the T-intersection, turn right and travel ½ mile south to County Road 2400 N; turn left and proceed to the site headquarters.

LUNCH: Lunch will be provided at no cost for registered wingshooting students at the site headquarters building.

APPAREL: Wear upper garments that do not restrict either side-to-side shoulder movement or up and down arm movement. Upper garments should not have snaps, buckles, buttons, or strap adjustments on the front side of the shooting shoulder. Tank tops are discouraged. Bring a shooting or hunting vest **that fits reasonably well** if one is available. **A cap or hat is required.**

FOOTWEAR: Wingshooting is a field activity. Wear comfortable but sturdy shoes or boots.

EYE & EAR PROTECTION: Eye and ear protection are mandatory and will be provided. Students with their own shooting glasses and ear plugs or earmuffs are encouraged to bring them. Students who wear prescription glasses or contact lenses should wear them.

SHOTGUNS: Twenty-eight gauge shotguns with shotshells will be provided. Students with their own shotgun are encouraged to bring it. If the shotgun has interchangeable chokes, bring the most open choke(s) available (cylinder, skeet or improved cylinder). **Note: Since shotshells will be provided, students bringing a shotgun must call** <u>815/258-8474</u> **by Monday, June 20**th **to apprise us of the gauge.**

INSTRUCTORS: Indoor classes will be instructed by an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Volunteer Hunter Safety Instructor or a National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) and IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructor. Wingshooting instruction in the field will be given by NSCA and IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructors.

SPONSORS: This Wingshooting Clinic is sponsored by the IL Dept. of Natural Resources, IL Conservation Foundation; Pheasants Forever - Champaign County; Pheasants Forever - Vermilion County; GunsSaveLife; and Gordon Farms Seed Company. These organizations are demonstrating their strong commitment to the shooting sports and firearm safety, to family oriented outdoor recreation and to effective public agency/private sector partnerships. The IDNR has been involved in training sportsmen and women through its Safety Education Section by sponsoring wingshooting clinics and through youth hunting programs for many years.